

Acts 3:19 and John Wycliffe 1320-1384, Friend of Israel

Introduction – A Disbelieved Scripture

Acts 3:19 reads “**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;**”

Neither heretics; JB, NJB, NWT, Greek editors; Nestle’s 21st Edition, Berry’s Edition of Stephanus’s 1550 Received Text, Farstad-Hodges ‘Majority’ Text nor professing evangelical fundamentalists; 1978, 1984, 2011 NIVs, NKJV believed the verse as it stands in the AV1611. They all changed it to read “*that times of refreshing may come from the Lord*” 1978, 1984, 2011 NIVs or similar. The NKJV has “*so that.*” The professing evangelical fundamentalists no doubt perceived the AV1611 reading as contradicting the doctrine of assurance of salvation or eternal security.

English Reformers Believed Acts 3:19

The English Reformers of the 16th century English Protestant Reformation all believed Acts 3:19 because the Tyndale, Coverdale, Great, Bishops’, Geneva Bibles all read with the AV1611, *as does Wycliffe’s 1385 Edition*. Note the following analysis.

John Wycliffe Believed Acts 3:19

John Wycliffe believed Acts 3:19. His belief is shown in his Bible and reveals that he was Israel’s friend. Compare Wycliffe’s 1385 Edition to the 1395 Edition for Acts 3:19, published long after Wycliffe’s death died. See www.biblesofthepast.com/.

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Catholic Meddling with Acts 3:19

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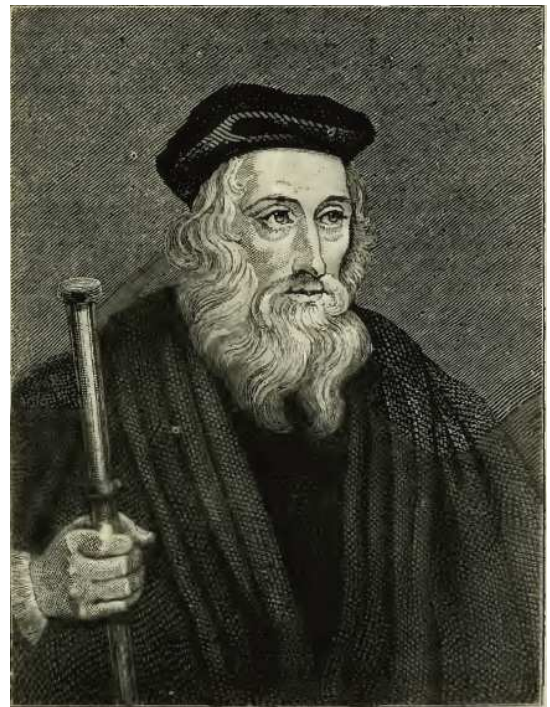
The 1395 reading corresponds to the 1582 Jesuit-Rheims and 1749-1752 Douay-Rheims readings, this writer’s emphases. See also:

www.studyLight.org/ and www.hailandfire.com/1582RheimsTestament/index.shtml.

“*Be Penitent therfore & conuert, that your sinnes may be put out. **that, vwhen** the times shal come of refreshing by the sight of our Lord, and he shal send him that hath been preached vnto you Iesvs Christ*” Acts 3:19-20.

“*Be penitent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. **That when** the times of refreshment shall come from the presence of the Lord, and he shall send him who hath been preached unto you, Jesus Christ*” Acts 3:19-20.

The 1395 Wycliffe and 1582 Jesuit-Rheims, 1749-1752 Douay-Rheims readings show a progression from the wrongful insertion of the word “*that*” to decoupling “*your sins may be blotted out*” from



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the conditional word “**when**” as in the AV1611 *and in all its faithful precursors of the 16th century English Protestant Reformation*.

Fundamentalist Error in Acts 3:19

The next step appears to have been to remove the word “**when**” entirely from the text, 1881 RV, then re-couple the readings to give the modern wording to satisfy fundamentalist editors. They don’t believe that Acts 3:19 refers to Israel’s *national* salvation at the Second Advent. See *The Book of Acts* pp 149-154 by Dr Ruckman, the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1434 and the following verses:

“Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children” Isaiah 66:8.

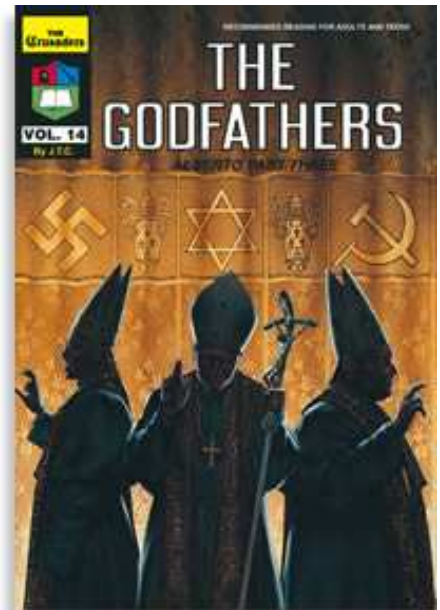
“For behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day” Zechariah 3:9.

Those verses describe “*the times of refreshing*” for Israel as a nation. They and Acts 3:19 do not apply to the Church.

Israel’s Worst Enemy

The 1395 insertion of “*that*” into Acts 3:19 would have been done by compliant editors i.e. John Purvey and Nicholas Hereford changing Wycliffe’s text to suit Rome. See *Wycliffe VS Cloud* www.avpublications.com/avnew/downloads/PDF/WycliffVSCloud.pdf by Gail Riplinger.

Rome has always been Israel’s worst enemy. She would resist any notion of particular “*times of refreshing*” for Israel and not hesitate to corrupt scripture 2 Corinthians 2:17 for that purpose. See *The Godfathers* www.chick.com/catalog/comics/0114.asp.



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The 1395 change to Acts 3:19 in Wycliffe’s Bible was just one word but “**A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump**” Galatians 5:9. Wycliffe had sought to counter that leaven as his correct 1385 rendering of Acts 3:19 shows, though with the inevitable backlash as the following extracts show. See *John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation* by David Fountain 1984 pp 26, 47-48, 75.

John Wycliffe on the Pope

“*Anti-Christ, the proud, worldly priest of Rome and the most cursed of clippers and purse-kervers (bag snatchers)*”

John Wycliffe on the Scriptures

“*As the doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language familiar to the people...It is impossible for any part of the Holy Scriptures to be wrong. In Holy Scripture is all the truth; one part of Scripture explains another*”

John Wycliffe to the World

Catholics exhumed Wycliffe’s body in 1415, burnt it and cast the ashes into the River Swift.

“*The little river conveyed Wycliffe’s remains into the Avon, Avon into the Severn, Severn into the narrow seas, they into the main ocean. And thus the ashes of Wycliffe are the emblem of his doctrine, which is now dispensed all the world over*”

“He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit” Isaiah 27:6.

Wycliffe helped. “*Go, and do thou likewise*” Luke 10:37.